

INSTRUCTORS GROUP REPORT

It has been another very busy year for our YPA Instructors group. The group was originally formed by participants who completed the US International Pickleball Teaching Professional Association (IPTPA) level 1+ 2 course in 2020. In 2021 Pickleball Canada developed our own Pickleball specific Instructor training consistent with the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) and in March 2022, 9 YPA members completed the brand new NCCP Level 1 Instructors course.

Pickleball is growing so fast and in Yukon we are seeing the increased demand for lessons in Whitehorse, in the communities and in the schools.

YPA has had to prioritize where we put our instructors and decided on:

- beginner courses through the Canada Games Centre (CGC),
- YPA members skills/drills sessions,
- community outreach
- school clinics

In addition, while focussing on these areas, we also:

- provided opportunities for Instructors to practice their instructor skills delivering the Fundamentals program and Shot clinics.
- developed a consistent model of program delivery; this was accomplished through ongoing evaluations, feedback and revisions to our beginner program.

BEGINNER COURSES:

Pickleball Fundamentals

Our Pickleball Fundamentals courses are designed for beginners and are offered at the CGC. We have been leading 2-3 sessions each season. They are always full and consistently have a long waitlist.

In 2022 our Fundamentals program consisted of 5 lessons of 1.5 hours each lesson. In response to our ongoing program evaluations, we revised the program to 4 lessons of 2.0 hours each.

For our next set of lessons, we are piloting a **NEW** version of the program by offering an

- **Introduction to Pickleball** lesson. This will be a 2.0-hour lesson providing participants with an overview of the game, some basic skills and to scoring.

The intent is to offer more of these **Intro** sessions to the many people waiting to learn the game. For those who want more instruction, they can sign up for the next set of lessons now called:

- **Pickleball Fundamentals**- this will be a series of 3 lessons (6 hours total) that will build on the skills learned in the Intro class. Participants will be required to have taken an Intro class in order to register for this one.



Since spring 2021:

YPA has delivered 12 Pickleball Fundamentals sessions at the CGC and introduced pickleball to approximately 96 participants. Each session earns YPA \$200.

Beginning in March 2023, YPA will be offering 4 sessions of **Introduction to Pickleball** and 2 sessions of the **Pickleball Fundamentals**.

YPA MEMBER CLINICS

Shot Clinics:

Our membership has consistently shown interest and support of our Instructor led skills clinics. Shot Clinics are always full. Shot Clinics offer player skill development as well as providing Instructor skill development.

Since April 2022, we have delivered 21 Shot clinics. These have included the use of our new ball machine and proven to be popular. Shot Clinics are limited to a smaller group size in order to give participants more focussed time with the instructors. Currently we are offering time on the ball machine as well as court time focussed on both shot technique and game strategy.

Shot Clinics will continue twice monthly at Takhini, and hopefully outdoors at Mt Mac during the summer.

Pro Coach Clinics

In March 2022, YPA was privileged to organize 4 clinics (each 2.5 hours) with Mark Renneson. Mark is the lead Instructor for the Canada NCCP program as well as the owner of Third Shot Sports. Mark is a renowned player and instructor in Canada.

Mark led clinics on: Blocking, Defending and Beating Bangers, Super 3rd shots, Advanced training and Open Play with in-Game Coaching. These clinics were open to all YPA members and were well attended (by community members as well)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

As part of the YPA's goal to promote pickleball to all ages throughout the Territory, YPA works in collaboration with the CGC in Whitehorse, schools and rural communities to provide opportunities to share the game of pickleball with as many Yukoners as we can.

Yukon Pickleball Day Sunday May 1, 2022

YPA partnered with the CGC to host **YUKON PICKLEBALL DAY** on May 1st. Three sessions were held including an Educators Clinic, A Challenge Court with invited officials and a See it Try it event! Almost 60 new participants were introduced to the game.

YPA thanks all of the Instructors (Hector, Walter, Brenda, Bryan, Sheila, Terry, Jim, Gord, Paul, Kat) and helpers (Sue S, Erik, Ken, Petra, Carlos, Gaylene, Anne-Marie and Karen L) for all of their volunteer time



Older Persons Day October 2022-

"International Day of Older Persons" on 1 October is meant to raise public awareness about the opportunities and challenges presented to the ageing populations and to mobilize the families, community groups and stakeholders to address the difficulties faced by older people. CGC hosted a number of activities and drop-in pickleball was one of them. Over 4 hours, YPA provided basic instruction to 16 older persons who were curious about the game.

Rural Schools

In November 2022 YPA Instructors were invited to Dawson to deliver several clinics to school classes. There were four classes that received an Introduction to Pickleball. Students ranged in age from 11 years old to 17 years old. In total 39 students participated in the clinics.

Rural Community Clinics

YPA led two community clinics in 2022:

1. September 2022- Carmacks – 10 participants (competed with radio Bingo)
2. November 2022- Dawson City – 2 community Clinics- 21 adults

Many communities provide pickleball play opportunities for their residents, some communities like Carmacks, Dawson and Marsh Lake have very active groups. YPA sees its role as supporting communities' efforts by offering community clinics as they can be accommodated.

Instructor Training

In March 2022 YPA organized an NCCP Level 1 training with Mark Renneson

The training involved 1.5 days of in person instruction and assessment as well as prereading, online modules, and a group zoom meeting. 9 YPA members completed the training.

On behalf of all of the YPA membership I extend a big **thank you** to the Instructors who VOLUNTEER so much of their time to player development!!!!:

**Walter Brennan, Hector Campbell Colleen Clark, Gord Clark Bryan Craven
Jim Gilpin, Terry Markley Sheila Senger, Kat Zrum, ,**

Brenda Dion

YPA Instructor Coordinator

WHATS COMING IN 2023!!!!:

➔ **Canada Games Centre**

- Introduction to Pickleball- 4 sessions
- Pickleball Fundamentals- 2 sessions

➔ **YUKON PICKLEBALL DAY SUNDAY MAY 7, 2023**

Details are currently being discussed. We will need help from our members so please think about joining us with this community event!!

➔ **SCHOOLS**

- March 31- St Francis of Assisi school -GRADE 10 CLINIC

➔ **YPA Members-player development:**

- Continue the weekly Facilitated Round Robins with drills
- SHOT clinics- 2 X a month